

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior claim listing and versions in the application:

1. **(Currently Amended)** An ultrasonic operating apparatus comprising:
 - an elongate insert portion operable to be inserted into a body cavity;
 - an operating portion located on a distal end portion of the insert portion, the operating portion configured to operate on an organism tissue and configured to be removably attachable to the insert portion;
 - a handling portion coupled to a proximal end portion of said insert portion, the handling portion having therein an ultrasonic vibrator capable of generating ultrasonic vibration;
 - a covering tube located around said insert portion;
 - a vibration transmitting member passed through the covering tube, the vibration transmitting member ~~having~~ including an ultrasonic probe on a side of said operating portion and configured to transmit the ultrasonic vibration from said ultrasonic vibrator to said ultrasonic probe;
 - a jaw rockably supported opposite said ultrasonic probe and configured to seize the organism tissue in conjunction with said ultrasonic probe;
 - a control handle located in said handling portion and operable to open and close said jaw with respect to said ultrasonic probe;
 - a handling force transmitting member coupling said jaw and said control handle, and configured to transmit handling force from said control handle to said jaw; and
 - said jaw including a frame-shaped jaw body comprising to supporting arms, each arm arranged on an opposite side of a slit extending in an axial direction of said insert portion, a tip configured to seize the organism tissue in conjunction with said ultrasonic probe, and a joint portion removably coupling said tip between said supporting arms of said jaw body,
 - wherein the jaw body is provided at the distal end portion of the insert portion and is attached to the tip so as to rotate therewith;

wherein said jaw body includes support shaft portions protruding inward from respective distal end portions of said two supporting arms, and said tip has mounting holes into which said support shaft portions are removably inserted and guide grooves for guiding said support shaft portions to said mounting holes as said tip is attached to said jaw body, said guide grooves individually having taper surfaces for movement such that space between respective support shaft portions of said two supporting arms widens toward said mounting holes and click step portions for preventing said support shaft portions from slipping out of said mounting holes.

2. (Previously Presented) The ultrasonic operating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ultrasonic probe has an asymmetric curved portion curved with respect to a central axis of said insert portion.

3. (Previously Presented) The ultrasonic operating apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said curved portion is formed symmetrically with respect to a direction in which said jaw is opened or closed.

4. - 5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) An ultrasonic operating apparatus comprising:
a vibrator for generating ultrasonic vibration and including an insert portion configured to be inserted into a body cavity;
a probe removably mounted to the insert portion, the probe including an allowance portion for transmitting ultrasonic vibration from the vibrator to a distal end acting portion and for treating an organism tissue at the distal end portion with an ultrasonic wave;
the distal end acting portion mounted to be detachable from the allowance portion, the distal end acting portion ~~having~~ including a jaw and a seizing portion for seizing the organism tissue between ~~[[a]]~~ the seizing portion and the allowance portion, and the seizing portion attached to the jaw so as to rotate therewith; and

a locking portion operable to disengageably lock the seizing portion to the distal end acting portion, the locking portion being operable to release the seizing portion from the distal end acting portion by using ~~[[a]]~~ the dedicated tool;

wherein the seizing portion is released from the locked state by means of the dedicated tool.

7. (Previously Presented) The ultrasonic operating apparatus of claim 6, wherein the locking portion includes:

a locking member which utilizes elastic deformation and operable to release at least one of the distal end acting portion and the seizing portion; and

a mechanism for locking both the distal end acting portion and the seizing portion by means of the locking portion and for suppressing the elastic deformation in a locked state.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) An ultrasonic operating apparatus system comprising:

a vibrator unit including an ultrasonic vibrator for generating ultrasonic vibration;

a probe unit comprising an elongated vibration transmitting member having a proximal end portion removably connected to the ultrasonic vibrator and a distal end portion at which a distal end allowance portion is arranged, the probe unit transmitting the ultrasonic vibration generated by means of the ultrasonic vibrator to the distal end allowance portion;

a handle unit removably coupled with an operating unit ~~having~~ including a seizing member supported to be detachable from the distal end allowance portion, the handle unit configured to operate the seizing member;

an ultrasonic operating apparatus main body with which the vibrator unit, the probe unit, and the handle unit are removably assembled;

a probe unit replacing member assembled to be replaceable with the probe unit with respect to the ultrasonic operating apparatus main body, the probe unit replacing member having the distal end allowance portion in a shape different from the probe unit; and

an operating unit replacing member assembled to be replaceable with the operating unit with respect to the ultrasonic apparatus main body, the operating unit replacing member having a seizing member in shape corresponding to a distal end allowance portion of the probe unit replacing member, wherein corresponding parts between the probe unit replacing member and the operating unit replacing member ~~can be~~ are selectively ~~mounted~~ mountable on the ultrasonic operating apparatus main body.

10. (Previously Presented) The ultrasonic operating apparatus system of claim 9, wherein the handle unit has a first handle on a stationary side and a second handle turnably mounted on the first handle, the vibrator unit and the probe unit are coupled with the first handle, respectively, and the operating unit is coupled with the second handle.

11. (Previously Presented) The ultrasonic operating apparatus system of claim 9, wherein the handle unit includes:

an operating portion for an operator to make operation;

an insert sheath portion having an elongated covering tube mounted on the operating portion; and

a distal end acting portion provided at a distal end of the insert sheath portion, the acting portion acting according to operation of the operating portion.

12. (Currently Amended) An ultrasonic operating apparatus comprising:

a vibrator operable to generate ultrasonic vibrations;

a probe removably mounted on the vibrator, the probe operable to transmit ultrasonic vibrations from the vibrator to a distal end portion and having a handling portion configured to treat an organism tissue at the distal end portion with an ultrasonic wave;

a distal end acting portion including a jaw configured to open and to close relative to the handling portion, and a seizing portion configured to seize the organism tissue between the seizing portion and the handling portion; and

a locking unit operable to removably lock the seizing portion, the locking unit including a locking portion operable to utilize elastic deformation for at least one of the jaw and the seizing portion;

wherein in the locking unit, the seizing portion assembled with the jaw is removable from the jaw by using a dedicated tool.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The ultrasonic operating apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the locking unit includes a mechanism operable to lock both the jaw and the seizing portion by means of the locking portion and to suppress the elastic deformation in a locked state.